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1. KOREA

SK FISHING BOAT FIRED ON, SEIZED BY NK PATROL BOATS MON.
WAS IN SEA OF JAPAN, OFF E END OF DMZ (CSM). ROK FISHERIES
OFFICIALS SAID BOAT MAY HAVE STRAYED INTO NK WATERS, N OF
ULLUNG IS; WILL DEMAND RELEASE 23 CREWMEN (NYT SPEC, SEOUL).
DID NOT STATE WHETHER ANY CASUALTIES (CHITRIB). BOTH SIDES
PLAYED DOWN INCIDENT. NK DID NOT LEVY CUSTOMARY CHARGE
OF "PROVOCATION...SPYING" (UPI, NYDN, WP). ROK OFFICIALS
SAID BOAT CROSSED LINE INTO NK WATERS DUE NAVIGATIONAL
ERROR, POOR VISIBILITY (WSJ; AP SUN; WSTAR 8/30).

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UNC/NK AGREE HOLD MEETING OF MAC SECRETARIES TUES TO
DISCUSS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN PANMUNJON TRUCE AREA
(AP, NYT). CALLED BY NK (AP, SUN; WSTAR 8/30). UNC
REPRESENTED BY USA COL MCCLAIN, ROKAF COL KAM, CANADIAN

LIAISON OFFICER PATTERTON; NK BY KPA COL CHOI
(REUTER SEOUL).

2. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS PRC SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED SIXTH EARTH
SATELLITE MONDAY (REUTER, NYT; WP). MUCH OF DETAIL
IT HAD GIVEN ABOUT PREVIOUS SPACE SHOTS WITHHELD BY
AGENCY. OBSERVERS SAY WEIGHT OF LATEST CRAFT POSSIBLY
KEPT SECRET TO HIDE ROCKET LIFTING POWER (REUTER PEKING).

"JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS" SEES NATO NAVIES IN DISARRAY,
SOVIET FLEET IMPROVING. EDITOR SAYS CHINESE NAVY
CLEARLY LOOKS ON SOVIET PACIFIC FLEET AS ITS MOST
LIKELY THREAT. POINTS OUT CHINESE NORTH SEA FLEET,
BASED AT TSINGTAO/LU SHUN, IS LARGER THAN PRC'S EAST
AND SE FLEETS. "JANE'S" REPORTS CHINESE NAVAL
CONSTRUCTION STILL CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON DEFENSIVE
CAPABILITY OF SUBS, LIGHT FORCES, WITH ABOUT SIX DIESEL-
POWERED SUBS AND 20 MISSILE CRAFT COMPLETED EACH YEAR.
SAYS THIS PROGRAM HAS GIVEN CHINESE LARGEST FORCE OF
FAST ATTACK CRAFT IN WORLD, AND THIRD LARGEST SUB BRANCH
(REUTER, PHINQ).

3. INDOCHINA

VN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED MONDAY THAT FORMER SVIET
SOLDIER UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED HIJACK FRENCH PLANE
AT TANSONNHUT AIRPORT SATURDAY, THEN KILLED HIMSELF
WITH GRENADE (AP SUN, WP).

VN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED TUESDAY NEARLY 600,000 VIETS
HAVE COMPLETED FIVE-MONTH PROJECT TO BUILD MAJOR
IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN NEW ECON ZONES OUTSIDE HO CHI MINH
CITY. SAID SYSTEM WILL DRAIN SALT WATER FROM AREA,
PROVIDE CANALS FOR WATER TRANSPORT (REUTER HK).

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AUSTRIA ANNOUNCES RE-ESTABLISHMENT DIPLO RELS AT
AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WITH CAMBODIA (CSM).

4. THAILAND

GOVT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TUESDAY THAT MAJORITY OF CABINET
HAS COME OUT AGAINST ALLOWING THANOM KITTIKACHORN
RETURN HOME. CABINET FAILED REACH FORMAL DECISION,
BUT MAJORITY OPINION AMOUNTED TO OFFICIAL REQUEST
THAT THANOM STAY OUT OF COUNTRY, ACCORDING SPOKESMAN.
SAID MINISTERS CONSIDERED HIS RETURN WOULD NOT BE
IN INTERESTS OF NATIONAL STABILITY (REUTER BANGKOK).

5. PHILIPPINES

CHIEF PROSECUTOR REVEALED MONDAY THAT TWO RECENTLY CAPTURED DISSIDENT LEADERS ARE TO BE PUT ON TRIAL WITH AQUINO (AP, NYDN).

MARCOS ON MONDAY ASKED FOR AND GOT ASSURANCES THAT NUKE POWER PLANT TO BE BUILT BY WESTINGHOUSE WOULD BE ABLE WITHSTAND EARTHQUAKES, TIDAL WAVES. WESTINGHOUSE VICE PRES TAYLOR GAVE ASSURANCES DURING TALKS WITH MARCOS ABOUT PROPOSED PLANT, WHICH TO BE BUILT ON BATAAN PENINSULA (UPI, NYDN).

SCIENTISTS AT US CDC LAB REPORT TWO SERVICEMEN WITH STRAIN OF GONORRHEA "COMPLETELY RESISTANT" TO MASSIVE DOSES PENICILLIN BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTACTED DISEASE IN PHILS (PEAR, WSTAR 8/30).

6. ASIA NUCLEAR SPREAD

NYT'S BINDER REPORTS HIGH-RANKING ADMIN OFFICIALS, ELABORATING ON REPORTS ROC PRODUCING WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM, SAID MONDAY NO NEED JUMP ON TAIPEI ALONE -- THAT US HAS RECEIVED INDICATIONS ROC, SK AND PAKS HAVE ALL THREE MADE DECISION GO NUCLEAR, MANUFACTURE OWN ATOMIC WEAPONS. BINDER REPORTS ANOTHER US OFFICIAL THAT FORD ADMIN UNDER NO ILLUSION IT CAN SINGLE-HANDEDLY STOP COUNTRIES LIKE ROC OR PAKS FROM MOVES, THAT US UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICY IS ONE OF CONTAINMENT. NOTED THAT LAST SPRING ADMIN HAD SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING SK CANCEL CONTRACT FOR FRENCH NUCLEAR-FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT. AS TO TAIWAN, OFFICIAL SAID ADMIN CONCERNED THERE IS "OVER-REACTION HERE" TO REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN AROUND LONG TIME (EXCERPTED IN SUN).

7. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

NZ AF PLANES ORDERED INTO TEMPORARY CIVILIAN SERVICE MONDAY TO HELP TRANSPORT THOUSANDS STRANDED BY PORT STRIKE CALLED AS PROTEST AGAINST TRUCTON VISIT (AP, NYT). UPI (CHITRIB, WELLINGTON) REPORTS GONZ BACKED DOWN MONDAY FROM CONFRONTATION WITH LABOR UNIONS STRIKING OVER TRUXTON VISIT; MULDOON HAD SAID EARLIER IN DAY THAT GOVT WOULD MAKE CLEAR WHO RUNS COUNTRY, BUT LABOR MIN GORDON LATER ANNOUNCED GOVT DECISION THAT "SLEDGE HAMMER" TACTICS WOULD NOT SUCCEED. UPI NOTES GOVT "BACKDOWN" CAME AFTER LABOR FEDERATION ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR STRIKING UNIONS. MULDOON, HALF HIS 20-MAN CABINET, WILL VISIT SHIP TUESDAY TO MEET CREW, HAVE LUNCH ABOARD. CHITRIB HIGHLIGHTS UPI PHOTO

OF POLICE WARNING THAT PROTESTORS ON BOAT WITH "PEACE"
SAIL STAY AWAY FROM TRUXTON SUNDAY AS SHIP ARRIVED
WELLINGTON.

AUSSIE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES APPROVED ENTRY INTO
COUNTRY OF 22 SVIET REFUGEES FROM SMALL BOAT MOMENTS
BEFORE IT SANK IN SOUTH CHINA SEA SUNDAY, GOVT SOURCES
SAID TUESDAY. REFUGEES CURRENTLY ABOARD AUSSIE FREIGHTER
IN SINGAPORE HARBOR AWAITING DECISION ON FATE. HAVE
REPORTEDLY SAID WISH TRAVEL FIRST TO AUSTRALIA, THEN
US. ACCORDING SOURCES, OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL BE MADE
SHORTLY ALLOWING THEM ENTER AUSTRALIA IF THEY MEET
NORMAL HEALTH/CHARACTER REGULATIONS (REUTER CANBERRA).

8. JAPAN

MIKI APPARENTLY CONCLUDED TRUCE WITH FUKUDA/OHIRA IN
3-HR MEETING MON. RIVALS BELIEVED PLEDGED COOPERATE
IN HOLDING DIET SPEC SESSION TO PASS REVENUE BILLS;
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PM AGREED SHUFFLE CABINET BEFORE SESSION (WSJ; LAT).
LDP SEEN COOL TO REPORTED COMPROMISE (REUTER, NYT).
REUTER'S NAKAMIKADO (TOKYO) SAYS NAKASONE EXPECTED LOSE
LDP SYG, POST WOULD THUS WEAKEN MIKI; CITES SPECULATION
FUKUDA WOULD REPLACE NAKASONE, OHIRA WOULD REMAIN
FINMIN. CULLISON (JOC) SAYS REORGANIZATION CABINET/PARTY
EXECS MIGHT RESOLVE WORST POLITICAL CRISIS IN 21-YR
HISTORY OF LDP; IF COMPROMISE FAILS LDP SPLIT COULD
TOPPLE MIKI WITHIN FEW DAYS, POSSIBLY OPEN WAY FOR
OPPOSITION PARTIES, WEAK AS MAY BE, TO FORM LEFT-WING
COALITION.

AFTER CABINET MEETING TUES FUKUDA TOLD PRESS JAPANESE
ECONOMY WOULD SUFFER IF CRISIS DRAGS ON OVER EFFORTS
OUST MIKI; REMAINED NON-COMMITTAL ON COMPROMISE TO END
IMPASSE BY REORGANIZING CABINET/PARTY EXEC (REUTER, TOKYO).

VMIN FIN MATSUKAWA TOLD FOREIGN PRESS OVER WEEKEND JAPAN
NOT PURPOSELY RIGGING YEN RATE AS ALLEGED BY SOME IN US.
DENIAL SEEN AS RESPONSE REP REUSS LETTER ON SUBJECT TO
AMB TOGO LAST WK (JOC, TOKYO).

TOYOTA REPORTED EARNINGS EQUIVALENT 344.6 MILLION
DOLS ON 6.91 BILLION DOL SALES IN FY ENDED JUN 30;
FORECAST FLAT EARNINGS ON 5 PCT SALES RISE CURRENT FY
(WSJ, TOKYO).

SPOKESMAN SAID MON HONDA WEIGHING WHETHER LIST SHARE
AT NYSE, ISSUES US/EUR DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN TOKYO, PERCEIVES MIKI USING OWN WEAKNESSES, LIKE JUDO MASTER AGAINST RIVALS WEIGHT/ STRENGTH. BIG QUESTION IS, HOW LONG CAN HE CONTINUE DO SO?

SEES MIKI, UNLIKE RIVALS, INVULNERABLE TO BUSINESS THREATS WITHHOLD FUNDS, BECAUSE FINANCIAL NEEDS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIVELY SMALL -- HAS ONLY SMALL FRACTION, HAS NEVER LAVISHED MONEY GAIN OWN ENDS LIKE OTHER LDP FACTION, LEADERS. NOTES RIVALS NOW SEEKING WEAKEN MIKI BY OUSTING NAKASONE. EVEN IF DO SO, CITES COLUMBIA U'S PROF CURTIS BELIEF THAT MIKI COULD SURVIVE, BECAUSE REMOVAL WOULD DAMAGE LDP IMAGE AMONG VOTERS. NOTES AIDE SAID MIKI OUSTER THOROUGH LOCKHEED PROBE COMPLETED COULD LEAD TO PUBLIC DISENCHANTMENT WITH POLITICAL PROCESS GIVE RISE TO "IRRATIONAL ELEMENTS." REVIEWS REASONS WHY JAPANESE SOCIETY WILL CONTINUE BE DOMINATED BY CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS, WHATEVER HAPPENS IN LDP.

NYT SPEC (TOKYO) REVIEWS RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD/ PAYOFFS BY UK BURMAH OIL CO, TO FACILITATE PROJECT SHIP INDONESIAN LNG JAPAN. CITES YOMIURI REPORT THAT JAPANESE SHIPPING OFFICIALS RECEIVED 3 MILLION DOLS IN BRIBES FROM BURMAH. NOTES SPOKESMAN SAID MITI "SURPRISED" AT NEWS; BURMAH EXEC, TRANSITTING TOKYO, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF BRIBE, AND PERTAMINA SALS AGENT SAID SOME FAR EAST OIL TRADING CO DIRECTORS DEMANDED FILE LIBEL CHARGES AGAINST YOMIRUI. SAYS ALLEGATIONS DO NOT YET HAVE WIDE-RANGING IMPACT OF LOCKHEED PAYMENTS, BUT COULD DEVELOP.

10. CHINA

WP WELCOMES PUBLICIZING OF NEWS THAT ROC IS MOVING TOWARD MANUFACTURE OF NUKES. SAYS WHILE THERE MAY BE LIMITS TO EXTENT TO WHICH US CAN PRESS TAIWAN PUBLICLY WITHOUT PRODUCING NATIONALIST BACKLASH THAT WOULD TORPEDO NON-PROLIFERATION CASUE, US CANNOT AFFORD LEAVE ANYWHERE IMPRESSION IT IS NOT REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT HALTING NUKES' SPREAD. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, FLABBY STAND COULD TRAUMATIZE US RELS WITH PEKING AND TOKYO. CONTENTS IF US WILL NOT STAND STILL WHILE ROC BUILDS OWN BOMB, THEN TAIPEI HAS STRONG CLAIM ON ALTERNATIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON CLEAR POLITICAL UNDERSTANDINGS IN US, PRC, ROC. DECLARES THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE US SHIFT DIPLOMATIC

ALLEGIANCE FORTHWITH FROM TAIPEI TO PEKING WOULD DO
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WELL TO BEAR IN MIND IMPETUS TO PROLIFERATION SUCH
SWITCH WOULD IMPART.

CSM FEELS US PROBABLY HAS ENOUGH CLOUT WITH ROC TO
KEEP TAIPEI NUKE EFFORT UNDER CONTROL--BUT RAMIFICATIONS
ARE GRAVE. ASKS HOW US CAN SAY NO TO TAIWAN WHEN OTHERS
MANAGING EVADE NUKE RESTRICTIONS; AND IF WE TOLERATE
STEP BY TAIWAN, HOW COULD OTHER WOULD-BE NUKE POWERS
BE DISSUADED? URGES ADMIN HEED SEN RIBICOFF'S PLEA
FOR STIFFER TERMS FOR US NUKE EXPORTS AND AN EMBARGO
ON FUEL SALES TO SUPPLIERS/PURCHASERS OF REPROCESSING/
ENRICHMENT PLANTS.

SUN TERMS "NONSENSE" RAY CLINE'S VIEW "THAT
CHINA, TOO, CAN BE TREATED AS DEFEATED POWER" LIKE
OTHER STATES DIVIDED AFTER WWII -- GERMANY, ETC.
MAINTAINS FGR IS VITAL TO US FUTURE, TAIWAN IS NOT.
DEPLORES PROMISE EXPLICITLY WRITTEN INTO US 1954
MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH ROC THAT US WOULD GO TO WAR
TO SAVE TAIWAN. URGES US MAKE CLEAR TO PRC/ROC SOME
FUNDAMENTALS THAT COULD ENCOURAGE FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH
SIDES: THAT US TRADE WITH TAIWAN, INCLUDING WEAPON
SALES, WILL CONTINUE HOWEVER LONG TAIPEI NEEDS BE
PREPARED AGAINST INVASION; ALSO, THAT US NEEDS REMOVE
FROM RECORD TREATY IT CAN NO LONGER HONOR.

WP'S MATHEWS, IN HK, NOTES THAT FOR TWO WEEKS, SINCE
KOREAN JSA INCIDENT, PEKING HAS REFRAINED FROM MAKING
ANY COMMENT ABOUT IT, LEAVING HK ANALYSTS WONDERING
WHAT CHINESE DOING BENEATH CLOAK OF SILENCE TO STOP
FURTHER BLOODSHED. TERMS CHINESE ROLE IN APPARENTLY
SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO DEFUSE US-NK CONFRONTATION
"MYSTERY WITH NO SOLUTION." BELIEVES PEKING TOOK NO
PLEASURE IN NK ACTS, AND DID WHAT IT COULD TO COOL
PYONGYANG--ON THEORY NEW KOREA WAR WOULD HURT PRC,
US, KOREA AND HELP ONLY SOVIET.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, NOTES THAT
PRC NEWS MEDIA, AFTER MONTH OF UNALLOYED ACCOUNTS OF
HEROISM/SELFLESSNESS FOLLOWING TANGSHAN EARTHQUAKE,
REPORTED FIRST TIME SATURDAY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN
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PUBLIC DISCIPLINE AND POLITICAL MORALE PROBLEMS
IN AREA HARDEST HIT BY QUAKE. SAYS MEDIA REFERENCES,
POSSIBLY TO LOOTING IN TANGSHAN AREA, ADD TO
UNCERTAINTY IN FOREIGNERS' MINDS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENING

THERE, SINCE EARTHQUAKE. FEELS CHINESE, WITH THEIR CONTINUAL STRESS ON POSITIVE EXAMPLES CITIZENS SUPPOSED EMULATE, WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED EVEN MENTION SUCH PROBLEMS AS SABOTAGE, PARTY BREAKDOWN, IF THEY WERE ONLY RARE OR ISOLATED CASES (CSM, WP).

CSM'S MORITZ SAYS CHOU'S DEATH IS THOUGHT TO HAVE WEAKENED MODERATES; BUT IN LONG RUN, WITHOUT MAO'S AUTHORITY BEHIND THEM, AND HAVING TO FACE MANY ENEMIES MADE DURING GPCR, RADICALS MAY FACE GREAT OBSTACLES, IN VIEW OF SOME ANALYSTS. CITES MANY SIGNS OF CHANGE, EVEN INSTABILITY, ALREADY CROPPING UP IN PRC.

11. KOREA

REP MURPHY (NY) LETTER CRITICIZES "UNFAIR AND UNTRUE" REMARKS 8/23 WP ARTICLE ON DEGREES GRANTED 7-MAN CODEL TO SEOUL. REFUTES "OBSCENE" STATEMENT THAT TRIP COMMEMORATED START OF KOREAN WAR; SAYS WAS ARRANGED BY SPEAKER ALBERT/ASSY SPEAKER CHUNG IL KWON TO SHARE IDEAS ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRATIC GOVTS. RECALLS GOT DSC WHEN WOUNDED IN ACTION IN KOREA DURING WAR, AND DECORATION FROM SK GOVT, BUT DID NOT CONSIDER FORM OF BRIBERY. DECLARES COMMITMENT TO FREE KOREA DOES NOT STEM FROM CEREMONIAL RITUAL, BUT FROM OWN PARTICIPATION/OBSERVATION/STUDY OF LONG/BLOODY HISTORY COMMUNIST NK THAT CULMINATED IN DEATH OF 2 FINE US OFFICERS AT DMZ RECENTLY.

LOFTON (PHINQ) DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER LAUGH OR CRY AT US REACTION TO KILLINGS IN JSA. REVIEWS FACTS, NESSEN, DOS, HAK STATEMENTS, THAT US WOULD HOLD NK RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONSEQUENCES. SUGGESTS FACT THAT 300-MAN QUICK REACTION FORCE, WITH ENORMOUS AIR COVER, CUT DOWN POPLAR TREE TWO DAYS LATER MUST HAVE MADE US ADVERSARIES AROUND WORLD QUAKE IN BOOTS. DECLARES US FAILED "IN MOST COWARDLY WAY" RESPOND TO CHALLENGE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF EVENTS IN KOREA.

SF CHRON (8/24) FINDS KIM IL SUNG FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AX MURDERS, APOLOGIZE FOR INSANE OVERREACTION OF NK GUARDS "MADDENING." SUCH SULLEN INSOLENCE BY NKOREANS HARD ACCEPT--BUT WHAT MORE CAN PRES/SECSTATE DO THAN SHOW FORCE? ADDS PRAISE FOR

SUPPORT CARTER VOICED FOR FORD'S RESTRAINED REACTION.

ACCORDING BEECH (CDN 8/27), AMERICANS DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF NK SWEETNESS/REASONABLENESS IN MAC AFTER SLAYINGS. CITES SEVERAL EXPLANATIONS FOR NK ATTITUDE:

KIM IL SUNG MAY HAVE REALIZED HE BLUNDERED; MORE DECISIVE MAY HAVE BEEN LACK PRC/USSR SUPPORT. NOTES OBSERVERS SPECULATING THAT CHINESE PASSED WORD "COOL IT," PERHAPS BECAUSE WISH MAINTAIN GOOD TIES WITH US TO COUNTERBALANCE SOV, AND HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS AT HOME IN DEALING WITH EARTHQUAKE/SUCCESSION.

JAMESON (LAT 8/29) RECALLS DAYS OF FLEETING EUPHORIA IN 1971 WHEN NK-SK SURPRISED WORLD BY AGREEING OPEN TALKS TO REUNITE MILLIONS OF KOREAN FAMILIES SEPARATED BY WAR, AND 1972 WHEN BOTH AGREED OPEN TALKS ON PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. AS SKOREANS WERE TO LEARN LATER, WAS ALL HOAX. WHILE TALKING, NK BEGAN DIGGING TUNNELS UNDER DMZ. INSTEAD OF WEAKENING SK WITH EUPHORIA, NK SAW PARK CONSOLIDATE ALL POWER IN OWN HANDS; AS RESULT, BROKE OFF TALKS, THREATENED SEIZE 5 SMALL SK ISLANDS. NOTES FEAR OF NK SO PERVASIVE EVEN PARK'S OPPONENTS ASK US MAINTAIN MIL PRESENCE IN SK. ON BASIS LATEST INCIDENT CONCLUDES KOREAN PENINSULA HAS MORE OF STALEMATE THAN STABILITY, WHICH LIKELY CONTINUE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) IN SEOUL NOTES SONIC BOOM OF US FIGHTER PLANE ON PATROL OVER DMZ SHOOK COURTROOM WHERE MYONGDONG 18 SENTENCED -- EPITOMIZING DILEMMA FOR US POLICY IN KOREA. MAY ALSO HAVE SERVED AS CRUEL IRONY UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR SOME IN PACKED COURT, AS REMINDER THAT US EFFORTS PRESERVE PEACE HAVE INVOLVED CONTINUED CLOSE SUPPORT FOR REPRESSIVE PARK GOVT. RECALLS HAK TESTIMONY ON HILL LAST MARCH, THAT KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS "AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT" IN US POLICY, BUT AT SAME TIME CANNOT LOSE SIGHT OF BASIC CONCERN OVER SECURITY SITUATION.

MARQUIS CHILDS (WP) NOTES "SEARING EXPERIENCE" OF HAK AT GOP CONVENTION, WHERE MODERATE-LEFT SEEMED WILLING JOIN ULTRA-RIGHT WING TO READ HIM OUT OF OFFICE. WHATEVER SUCCESSES/FAILURES, SAYS HAK HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT OF RECENT US FOPOLICY. LAUDS HAK FOR RARELY LOSING SENSE OF HUMOR. NOTES HAK CONTINUES PLAY LEADING ROLE IN INCIDENTS AROUND WORLD, SUCH AS CRISIS AT DMZ WHERE NKOREANS KILLED 2 US OFFICERS.

12. VIETNAM REFUGEES

LAT'S MCARTHUR (KL) SAYS EXODUS REFUGEES REPORTEDLY IS CONTINUING, DESPITE TYPHOONS, HARSHER SURVEILLANCE AND FACT THOSE WHO MAKE IT ARE FINDING LITTLE WELCOME IN NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AROUND SOUTH CHINA SEA. DECLARES ONE REASON FOR INCREASINGLY INHOSPITABLE TREATMENT GIVEN REFUGEES IS VIRTUAL END OF US REFUGEE PROGRAM.

WHILE REFUGEES ALREADY ACCEPTED CONTINUE FLOW TO US,
TOTAL NUMBER APPROVED BY CONGRESS HAS BEEN REACHED,
AND ASIAN STATES WITH PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN ARE UN-
WILLING SHOULDERS WHAT THEY BELIEVE SHOULD BE US BURDEN.

SUN'S REHERT DOES PROFILE ON VN REFUGEE FAMILY IN
BALTIMORE; COMMUNITY, CHURCH AGREE THEIR STORY HAS HAD
HAPPY ENDING.

WM RICE (WP) NOTES AT LEAST 11 WASHINGTON RESTAURANTS
NOW SERVE VN FOOD, AND THERE ARE EIGHT GROCERIES, UNDER
IMPETUS OF LATELY-ARRIVED VN REFUGEES. SAYS SIMILAR
RESTAURANT EXPLOSION OCCURRING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,
THE OTHER AREA IN US WITH GREATEST CONCENTRATION
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